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Including A Leaktight Flexible Joint  
Between A Riser And A Float

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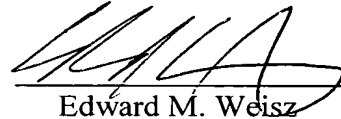
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